

AFFIDAVIT OF KRIS BATES

I, Kris Bates, CPA, on behalf of Mid-Florida Community Services, Inc., as Finance Director, being sworn, certify that the following information is true:

1. That Mid-Florida Community Services entered into a contract, in June, 2010, with Federal Program Consulting, Inc. (FPC) and Mr. James Earle to perform services relating to filing for E-Rate Funding for the funding years 2010, 2011, 2012.
2. That Mr. Earle had previously been associated with Pinellas Head Start and the Florida Head Start Association to assist with filing for E-Rate reimbursement since 2008.
3. That Mr. Earle filed Form 470 for Funding Year 2011 on behalf of Mid-Florida Community Services on February 13, 2011.
4. That on the Form 470, Block 2, 8, Mr. Earle listed all eligible services that we would be requesting reimbursement for including telecom, long distance service, cellular and digital transmission.
5. That on Form 470, Block 2, 9, Mr. Earle listed all eligible Internet Access service that we would be requesting reimbursement for including Internet Access, Internet Access Services & VoIP, Cellular Phone Service, Laptop Aircard Service.
6. That prior to filing Form 471 and the item 21 attachment Mr. Earle did not even make contact with our offices to obtain the specific information relating to our eligible locations or obtain current billings to estimate our services.
7. That as a result of failure to properly inquire and verify any and all eligible locations and planned Head Start locations or what services we were currently contracted for all eligible priority E-Rate funding purposes our E-Rate funding request was under-estimated by approximately \$62,000.00.
8. That due to the nature of our limited funding and budget constraints this has caused a hardship to the students in our Head Start facilities in that we have had to do without some of the technology upgrades our classrooms needs.
9. That Mid-Florida Community Services hired C3 Telecom, Inc. in 2011 as our telecom consulting firm to perform a telecom network analysis, which included a detailed inventory of all telecom, data and cellular services, to analyze the usage data and cost efficiencies and assist in implementing cost savings in order to improve our overall telecom budget.
10. During the course of the Telecom Network assessment, C3 Telecom had numerous phone conferences and web meeting with Mr. Earle and discovered that he had not properly assessed the eligible services for the E-Rate program.
11. When I became aware of the errors that resulted in failure of filing for reimbursement for all the eligible locations for all eligible services it was in March 2012.

12. Mid-Florida Community Services terminated our services with FPC and Jim Earle and hired C3 Telecom, Inc., to handle all E-Rate funding requests moving forward and to look backward and see that any funding that had not been properly reimbursed was filed for correctly.

13. That in completing a thorough review of past funding years for Mid-Florida, C3 Telecom discovered more than \$500,000.00 in approved funding that had yet to be disbursed some from as far back as 2009, due to the negligence of the former E-Rate Consultant FPC and Mr. Jim Earle.

14. That C3 Telecom filed an Appeal through USAC and received a letter denying the Appeal on July 31, 2012

15. That we believe that these extenuating circumstances are a fair and reasonable basis to request the FCC to review the decision and request that you waive the rules of the 471 filing deadline in order that C3 Telecom, Inc. may properly file amended forms for reimbursement of eligible services for all eligible locations promptly.

I understand that I am swearing or affirming under oath to the truthfulness of the claims made in this affidavit and that the punishment for knowingly making a false statement includes fines and/or imprisonment.

9/27/12
Dated

Kris J. Bates
Signature of Affiant

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Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 27 day of Sept., 20 12, by (name of person making statement).

(NOTARY SEAL)

Ginny C. Wright
(Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida)

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